

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

1.-39. (Canceled)

40. (New) An information processing system comprising a server issuing an identification code for identifying information and printing out terminals installed for public use in shops and connected to said server via a network,

wherein said server comprises:

receiving means for receiving information to be registered from a user terminal connected to said server via a network;

issuing means for issuing an identification code identifying the information to be registered;

storage control means for storing the issued identification code and the received information to be registered in correspondence with each other in storage means; and

notifying means for notifying the user terminal of the issued identification code, and

wherein each of said printing out terminals comprises:

input means for inputting the identification code, and

printing out means for, when the identification code is inputted by the input means, acquiring the information in correspondence with the inputted identification code from said server and printing out the acquired information.

41. (New) The system according to claim 40, wherein the input means comprises at least one of a touch panel for receiving an operation input for inputting the identification code by a user, a wireless communication unit for receiving the identification code from a portable terminal owned by a user by wireless communication, a connector connected to a portable terminal owned by a user and for receiving the identification code from the connected portable terminal by a wired communication, and a bar code reader for reading a bar code as the identification code.

42. (New) The system according to claim 40, wherein the issuing means issues an internal code for specifying information to be stored in said server in accordance with a scale of said server within an allowable range, and issues the identification code including the issued internal code and an external code for specifying said server.

43. (New) The system according to claim 42, wherein said server is connected to a service-providing server via a network, the service providing server comprising an external code assigning means for assigning the external code.

44. (New) The system according to claim 43, wherein said system comprises a plurality of servers such as said server, the external code is of a code length in accordance with a scale of said plurality of servers, and identification codes of said plurality of servers are of the same length.

45. (New) The system according to claim 40, wherein the storage control means stores the issued identification code in correspondence with charge information indicating a charge for printing out the information from a printing out terminal.

46. (New) The system according to claim 40, wherein the storage control means stores the issued identification code in correspondence with valid dates, the valid dates being set by adding a predetermined period to valid dates of the information, which are set by the user.

47. (New) The system according to claim 40, wherein the storage control means stores the issued identification code in correspondence with a password, which is set by the user, and the printing out means acquires and prints out the information if a password inputted by the input means with the identification code is verified.

48. (New) The system according to claim 40,
wherein each of said printing out terminals further comprises a scanner,
the receiving means receives information scanned by the scanner as

information to be registered, and

the issuing means issues the identification code for the scanned information received by the receiving means from said printing out terminal, and the notifying means notifies said printing out terminal from which the scanned information is received of the issued identification code.

49. (New) The system according to claim 40, wherein said system comprises a plurality of servers such as said server.

50. (New) A control method of controlling an information processing system, which comprises a server that issues an identification code for identifying information and printing out terminals installed for public use in shops and connected to the server via a network, said method comprising:

a receiving step, of the server receiving information to be registered from a user terminal connected to the server via a network;

an issuing step, of the server issuing an identification code identifying the information to be registered;

a storage control step, of the server storing in a storage means the issued identification code and the received information to be registered in correspondence with each other in storage means;

a notifying step, of the server notifying the user terminal of the issued identification code;

an input step, of the printing out terminal inputting the identification code and

a printing out step, of the printing out terminal, when the identification code is inputted to the printing out terminal, acquiring the information in correspondence with the inputted identification code from the server and printing out the acquired information.

51. (New) A storage medium storing a program for a control method of controlling an information processing system, which comprises a server that issues an identification code for identifying information and printing out terminals installed for public use in shops and connected to the server via a network, the method comprising:

a receiving step, of the server receiving information to be registered from a user terminal connected to the server via a network;

an issuing step, of the server issuing an identification code identifying the information to be registered;

a storage control step, of the server storing in a storage means the issued identification code and the received information to be registered in correspondence with each other;

a notification step, of the server notifying the user terminal of the issued identification code;

an input step, of a printing terminal inputting the identification code;
and

a printing out step, when the identification code is inputted, the printing out terminal from the server acquiring the information in correspondence with the inputted identification code and printing out the acquired information.

52. (New) A server in an information processing system that comprises said server, which issues an identification code for identifying information, and printing out terminals installed for public use in shops and connected to said server via a network, wherein each of the printing out terminals, when the identification code is inputted by an input means, acquires the information in correspondence with the inputted identification code from said server and prints out the acquired information, said server comprising:

receiving means for receiving information to be registered from a user terminal connected to said server via the network;

issuing means for issuing an identification code identifying the information to be registered;

storage control means for storing the issued identification code and the received information to be registered in correspondence with each other; and

notifying means for notifying the user terminal of the issued identification code.

53. (New) A printing out terminal in an information processing system that comprises a server, which issues an identification code for identifying information, and printing out terminals installed for public use in shops and connected to said server via a

network, wherein said server receives information to be registered from a user terminal connected to said server via a network, issues an identification code identifying the information to be registered, stores in a storage means the issued identification code and the received information to be registered in correspondence with each other, and notifies the user terminal of the issued identification code, said printing out terminal comprising:

input means for inputting the identification code; and

printing out means for, when the identification code is inputted by said input means, acquiring from said server the information in correspondence with the inputted identification code and printing out the acquired information.

54. (New) A control method of controlling a server in an information processing system that comprises a server, which issues an identification code for identifying information, and printing out terminals installed for public use in shops and connected to the server via a network, wherein, when the identification code is inputted by an input means of a printing out terminal, the printing out terminal acquired from the server the information in correspondence with the inputted identification code and prints out the acquired information, said method comprising:

a receiving step, of receiving information to be registered from a user terminal connected to the server via the network;

an issuing step, of issuing an identification code identifying the information to be registered;

a storage control step, of storing in a storage means the issued

identification code and the received information to be registered in correspondence with each other; and

a notifying step, of notifying the user terminal of the issued identification code.

55. (New) A control method of controlling a printing out terminal in an information processing system that comprises a server, which issues an identification code for identifying information, and printing out terminals installed for public use in shops and connected to the server via a network, wherein the server receives information to be registered from a user terminal connected to the server via the network, issues an identification code identifying the information to be registered, stores in a storage means the issued identification code and the received information to be registered in correspondence with each other, and notifies the user terminal of the issued identification code, said method comprising:

a printing out step, of, when the identification code is inputted by an input means of the printout terminal, acquiring from the server the information in correspondence with the inputted identification code, and printing out the acquired information.

56. (New) A storage medium storing a program for a control method of controlling a server in an information processing system that comprises a server, which issues an identification code for identifying information, and printing out terminals

installed for public use in shops and connected to the server via a network, wherein, when the identification code is inputted by an input means of a printing out terminal, the printing out terminal acquires from the server the information in correspondence with the inputted identification code, and prints out the acquired information, said method comprising:

a receiving step, of receiving information to be registered from a user terminal connected to the server via the network;

an issuing step, of issuing an identification code identifying the information to be registered;

a storage control step, of storing the issued identification code and the received information to be registered in correspondence with each other; and

a notifying step, of notifying the user terminal of the issued identification code.

57. (New) A storage medium storing a program for a control method of controlling a printing out terminal in an information processing system that comprises a server, which issues an identification code for identifying information, and printing out terminals installed for public use in shops and connected to the server via a network, wherein the server receives information to be registered from a user terminal connected to the server via the network, issues an identification code identifying the information to be registered, stores in a storage means the issued identification code and the received information to be registered in correspondence with each other and notifies the user

terminal of the issued identification code, said method comprising:

a printing out step, of, when the identification code is inputted by an input means of the printing out terminal, acquiring from the server the information in correspondence with the inputted identification code, and printing out the acquired information.